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**TÜRK NEFROLOJİ DERNEĞİ**  
*Turkish Society of Nephrology*  
*Kuruluş - Founded 1970*

18 September 2001

To Professor Alex M. Davison BSC MD FRCP, President of ERA-EDTA  
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Dear Professor Davison,

This is a formal letter of application on behalf of the Turkish Society of Nephrology (TSN) for the ERA-EDTA 2005 Congress to be held in Istanbul, Turkey. Please find the official application form also enclosed.

As you might remember, in 1978 the TSN had organized very successfully the 15th EDTA Congress also in Istanbul.

We plan to use as the main Congress Centre, the Istanbul Congress and Exhibition Centre (ICEC) also known as the Lütü Kırđar Centre. You will remember that this Centre was also the venue of our TSN 17<sup>th</sup> National Congress of 2000, which you had honoured as a member of the guest faculty. As you may recall, it has a main Auditorium of 2000 seats (increasable to 2300), a multifunctional Hall (Rumeli Hall) of 2200 m<sup>2</sup> and 4 rooms of 450, 400, 500 and 300 seats respectively. The two rooms with 450 and 300 seats can be divided when needed, into 2 smaller rooms of 250, 200, and 3 smaller rooms of each 100 seats respectively. In short, one can have there 5 to 8 simultaneous meetings at a given time depending on the number of attendance. With the new exhibition area completed and added to the building since the year 2000, the indoor exhibition area of the ICEC now totals 7000 m<sup>2</sup>. The ICEC building has also an additional 20 small rooms for use as offices, secretariat and slide rooms and also state of the art technical facilities that include among others simultaneous translation facilities, barcovision systems, video cameras, TV monitors, installed PA systems, portable microphones, computer monitors-projectors, filmstrip projectors, and an electronic voting system. An indoor bank, a post office and a Restaurant of 500 seats (1500 seats with the open air terrace) with permanent catering service are also included to the complex. In Istanbul there are actually 21 five star hotels with a total of 6761 rooms and 37 four star hotels with a total of 4293 rooms excluding the Ritz Carlton (260 rooms) and the Four

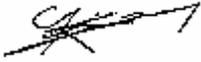
Seasons Bosphorus that will also be in business by 2002. The five star hotels within 5 to 10 minutes walking distance to the ICEC include the Hyatt Regency, the Hilton, the Intercontinental, the Swissotel, the Marmara and the Divan with a total of more than 2500 rooms.

There are also two more buildings worth to mention within the context of a Congress. One is the beautiful "Open-Air Theatre" which can be a very nice setting for an Opening Ceremony. It has 4000 seats (increasable to 4500) and is situated across the street in front of the ICEC building. The other is "the Cemal Reşit Rey Theatre" (a very modern Concert Hall) which is literally adjacent to the ICEC building (no distance) and has a beautiful auditorium of 865 seats.

A recent meeting held in ICEC was the European Clinical Microbiology Congress in 1-4 April 2001 with 5000 participants.

Hoping that this formal application fits the prerequisite criteria and that we have the technical experts' team visit us soon, I relate you my regards and respects.

Yours truly,



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Dear Professor Davison,

Thank you for your e-mail of 30 April 2002 about the Council Meeting of 27 April 2002. We are glad that Istanbul was given very serious consideration thanks to you and your kind support. The fact that it still is a candidate until the final decision in the next Council Meeting proves this. On the other hand, it is also obvious that some objections and “concerns relating to ancillary costs” and perhaps other details have been raised so that an affirmative final decision could not be reached on Istanbul. To make sure that before and during the next meeting you can reach a better personal decision based on facts, I thought I should provide you with these facts personally. To have you see the facts for your own, might be the best way for us to erase any recent doubts that might have occurred in your mind concerning the costs and perhaps some other details. For this purpose, I am enclosing in this envelope documents and information we have already officially submitted to the “Congress Office” together with additional documentation that I think might be helpful for you to see the real picture. Of course, any additional information you might feel useful and might request from us will be forwarded to you right away.

Enclosed please find the following documents:

- 1) Our official **Application Form** submitted to ERA on 18 September 2001.
- 2) The booklet entitled **“ERA 2005”** that was prepared for the occasion of your **site visit** on 12 April 2002 and already handed over to you while you were in Istanbul .
- 3) Exhibition Services Guide for the 14<sup>th</sup> ECNP Congress (European Congress of Neuropsychopharmacology), ICC Lütfi Kırdar, 2001
- 4) The e-mail correspondence with the Congress Office that followed the 12 April site visit in which we provided the Office with some ancillary costs all based on the above Guide [document 3].
- 5) A list of important International Medical Congresses held during the past years in the ICC, Lütfi Kırdar Congress Centre.
- 6) The Official Information Booklet of the Istanbul airport authority (TAV).
- 7) A letter by the Istanbul airport authority (TAV) together with numbers of daily departing international flights for the months of **June-July-August- September** of years **2000 and 2001**
- 8) A list of daily scheduled flights that will arrive on 13 June 2002 to Istanbul departing from Milan, Rome, Frankfurt, Munich & London.
- 9) Sample pages from the Year 2002 booklets by the TURSAB (Turkish Travel Agencies association) and the City Tourism Directorate that give the most recent and up-to-date official information about Istanbul hotels on an individual basis.
- 10) Destination Holland Resource Directory 2002
- 11) Page 19 of a booklet published by Netherlands Ministry of Justice on June 2000 that provides a table on average murders per 100000 inhabitants in 12 big cities of the world including (I have the whole report on my computer in .pdf format & can forward it to you by e-mail should you want it).

Before moving forward, I have to point to two discrepancies between the **Application Form** (Document 1) and the **ERA 2005 Booklet** (Document 2) concerning the hotel room numbers.

	ApplicationForm (*)	“ERA 2005” Booklet (*)	Comment
5 star rooms	6761(+)	<b>7021</b>	6761 + 260 (newly opened Ritz Carlton Hotel) = 7021
4 star rooms	4293 (++)	<b>6360</b>	(++) By mistake only rooms near to Taksim(walking distance& 5 mn driving time) were stated instead of those on the whole city and this mistake was explained to the lady.
3 star rooms	4694	<b>4694</b>	
(*) <b>Room Numbers</b> on both our Application Form (September 2001) and our site visit Booklet (April 2002) <b>were the Official Numbers for Year 2000</b> . Although these numbers are now lagging behind the actual numbers for the year 2002, we still did stick to them in our “ERA 2005” site visit Booklet for the sake of consistency.			

Now, some comments about costs and other details I feel you ought to know and might find useful:

- 1) **COST OF SERVICES:** Following is the list of all costs forwarded to the Congress Office on 22 April 2002

### **RENTAL FEES (Document 3)**

	Minimum				
	5 days	1-4 days	Lights	Air Conditioning	Security
ICEC Main building/ daily	\$15.000	\$16.500	included	included	included
Rumeli Exhibition Building /daily	\$15.000	\$15.000	included	included	included
CRR Concert Hall /daily	\$6.000	\$6.000	included	included	included
Military museum Concert Hall/ daily	\$1.000	\$1.000	included	included	included
Military museum Ahmet Fethi Pasha Hall/ daily	\$3.750	\$3.750	included	included	included
External telephone connection/ per unit	\$0,2				
PC, Pentium III 700/ daily	\$100				
Laser printer HP2100/ daily	\$30				
<b>Fax machine/ daily</b>	<b>\$80</b>				
<b>Square meter of carpet</b>	<b>\$10</b>	<b>Already exists at the exhibition hall</b>			
<b>AV technician/ daily</b>	<b>\$100</b>				
<b>Bilingual hostess with registration duties/ daily</b>	<b>\$50</b>				
<b>Bilingual hostess for general duties/ daily</b>	<b>\$50</b>				
Errand boy/ daily	\$50				
Security man/ 8 hours shift	\$120				
Fire-guard	free				
Cost of a project manager to coordinate the services/ daily	\$80				

On 23 April 2002, this additional note was forwarded to the Congress Office about the phone lines:

Connection Charge for Digital telephone line (including the phone machine itself)	\$ 20
<b>ISDN telephone line</b> (for the entire period of exhibition)	<b>\$ 3.300</b>

These prices (except the carpet price) were all taken from a printed booklet prepared for a very recent international meeting [**Exhibition Services Guide for the 14<sup>th</sup> ECNP (European Congress of Neuro-psychopharmacology) Congress, ICC Lutfi Kırdar, 2001**] and were all real, factual and exact.

a) The carpet price:

When asked about the price of a carpet, just like that, our Congress Agency, after consultation with a carpet retailer gave the price for a **“good-quality carpet”** which is in wool, 5 cm in thickness and non-flammable as: **\$ 10 per m<sup>2</sup>**.

However, as any person of some commonsense would agree, carpets are rated according to their quality and their prices vary accordingly:

Very low quality: synthetic, only one single colour	<b>\$ 1.5 /m<sup>2</sup></b>
Moderate quality (curly type): synthetic, tight texture, 2 cm in thickness	<b>\$ 5.1 /m<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Good quality: wool, non-flammable, 5 cm in thickness</b>	<b>\$ 10 /m<sup>2</sup></b>
High quality: wool, non-flammable, tight texture, 7 cm in thickness	<b>\$ 20 /m<sup>2</sup></b>
Very High Quality: Pure silk from Cappadocia	<b>\$ 800/m<sup>2</sup></b>
Exceptional Quality: Pure silk, very tight texture from Hereke	<b>\$ 1000/m<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Flying Carpet: Material Unknown, Texture unspecified</b>	<b>Priceless</b>

We don't know, if a good quality, non-flammable **wool** carpet with **5** cm thickness costs really **cheaper** in other countries. But even if so, we had to give not fictive but factual prices in effect in Turkey. Also, we all know of course that if you purchase something in very large quantity, the unit prices do always go down. But, in this instance we were asked for the “per m<sup>2</sup> price” and the one we gave was that of a normal home size carpet. Before closing the “carpet subject”, **I should also tell you that, as you may remember, the Congress Site (Exhibition Area) is already carpeted and there will be no need to purchase any extra carpet if the Congress is made in Istanbul.**

b) The hostess and AV technician prices which might have looked cheaper than expected: Well, our country is a developing country with a very high unemployment rate that includes the white collar work force and university graduates especially following the recent economic crisis. So it should be obvious that all types of labour costs are very cheap here. Moreover, we are all here in Turkey bona fide, regular, dues paying members of ERA and **“ERA is also our association as much as anyone else's”**. So, it is also our duty to see that an ERA Congress is organized with the smallest possible cost for ERA. If the hostess and AV technician costs are cheaper here, so much the better.

e) Fax machine and ISDN connection prices which might have looked more expensive than expected: In Turkey, in contrast to labour costs, this type of imported high technology is somewhat expensive (high taxes also contribute to this) and affects also the rental prices and this also we cannot help. As it is impossible for us to inflate the labour costs fictively, by the same token it is also impossible to lower the costs of machinery fictively.

But if an extra cost of \$ 2000 due to the ISDN connection and also some other extra dollars due to fax machine rentals are going to affect the ERA budget **so much as** to impose the withdrawal of the idea of Istanbul as a Congress Site altogether, I can assure you and even give my word to you that **“the Turkish Society of Nephrology is ready to cover all this cost and offer the fax machines and the ISDN connection to ERA's disposal for free”**.

## 2) POSSIBLE OBJECTION ABOUT DISTANCE RAISING SPONSORSHIP COSTS:

Someone might have brought up the argument that the distance and the resulting shipment and delivery costs might make more expensive for the industry to hold an exhibition in Istanbul.

Well, I do not know much about the comparative costs involved between Istanbul and other European cities.

But then how come so many important International Medical Congresses could be held during the past years in Istanbul? International Pharmaceutical Firms and Industry, big and small, supported all

these Congresses. If these Congresses had not been cost effective at all for the firms because of the transport fees etc. why should they have sponsored them?

I am inserting below a list of some such Congresses held in Istanbul during the past years (document 5):

CONGRESS NAME	YE A R	PARTICIPAN TS
<b>15<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Chemotherapy- 15<sup>th</sup> ICC</b>	1987	<b>5000</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of the European Association for Endoscopic Surgery & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Asian-Pasific Congress of Endoscopic Surgery	1997	1500
TDA 4 <sup>th</sup> International Dental Congress – <b>EXPODENTAL '97</b>	1997	<b>2000</b>
Meeting of the International Society of Paediatric Oncology – <b>SIOP '97</b>	1997	1500
25 <sup>th</sup> International Symposium Growth Hormone and Growth Factors in Endocrinology and Metabolism	1998	800
4 <sup>th</sup> Congress of the Balkan Stomatological Society – <b>BASS '99</b>	1999	800
TDA 6 <sup>th</sup> International Dental Congress – <b>EXPODENTAL '99</b>	1999	<b>2000</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> Congress of the European Sleep Research Society - <b>EUROSLEEP 2000</b>	2000	850
19 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Society for Therapeutic, Radiology and Oncology - <b>ESTRO 2000</b>	2000	<b>2000</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> Asian and Ocean Congress of Nuclear Medicine and Biology & 4 <sup>th</sup> International Nuclear Oncology Congress	2000	750
<b>11<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases - ECCMID 2001</b>	2001	<b>5000</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> Congress of the European Society of Ophthalmology - <b>SOE 2001</b>	2001	<b>3500</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> Congress of the Inter. Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand - <b>IFSSH 2001</b>	2001	1000
TDA 8 <sup>th</sup> International Dental Congress – <b>EXPODENTAL 2001</b>	2001	<b>2000</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> World Congress of World Institute of Pain - <b>WIP 2001</b>	2001	1000
International Transplantation Congress “ A Transplant Odyssey ”	2001	<b>2200</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Congress of the World Society for Breast Health - <b>WSBH 2001</b>	2001	750
<b>14<sup>th</sup> ECNP (European Congress of Neuro-psychopharmacology) Congress</b> (cancelled due to 11 September incident in USA)	2001	<b>6500</b> <b>(registered)</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society - <b>IEEE / EMBS</b>	2001	750

- 3) **POSSIBLE DOUBTS AS TO THE EXACT NUMBER OF FLIGHTS TO AND FROM ISTANBUL.** You can see for yourself (document 7) that between June and September the **daily** number of **international flights departing from Istanbul** varies between 121 & 193 and the **average number is 143**. So, **on the average you have about 290 international flights daily in and out of Istanbul.**

This is a substantial number especially if one remembers how many scheduled **direct** flights there were to Rimini where the ERA Congress was held twice and even to Nice for that matter.

Finally, I must also add that in such big events like a European Congress, the Turkish Airlines can and does provide additional flights to Istanbul from almost any major European city to carry 1000 to 1500 extra passengers per day if it is approached three to two months in advance.

- 4) **POSSIBLE DOUBTS ABOUT THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE NUMBER OF FLIGHTS FROM SOME MAJOR CITIES TO AND FROM ISTANBUL (Document 8)**

For the sake of example, below is a summary of scheduled flights to such two cities: Rome and Milan, direct and connected:

- a. **Direct** flights IST-MIL (3 per day):
  - i. Alitalia: 6.30 & **14.50** (via Rome)
  - ii. THY: 9.00
- b. **Direct** flights IST-ROM (3 per day):

- i. Alitalia: 6.30 (via Milan) & **14.50**
- ii. THY: 9.10
- c. **Direct** flights MIL- IST (3 per day):
  - i. Alitalia: 9.50 & **17.10** (via Rome)
  - ii. THY: 12.00
- d. **Direct** flights ROM- IST (3 per day):
  - i. Alitalia: 7.25 (via Milan) & **19.30**
  - ii. THY: 11.50
- e. **Indirect (connected)** flights ROM- IST (**10 per day**):
  - i. Using Milan: Alitalia: 9.20 (connects to THY 12.00)
  - ii. Using other European cities: (**9 flights**)
- f. **Indirect (connected)** flights MIL- IST (**17 per day**):
  - i. Using Rome: Alitalia: 17.00 (connects to Alitalia 19.30)  
Lufthansa: 17.20 (connects to Alitalia 19.30)  
Alitalia: 9.20 & 9.40 (both connect to THY 11.50)
  - ii. Using other European cities: (**13 flights**)

So, there are at least **12 flights daily (morning and afternoon) both ways to and fro to Rome & Milan** and an additional **10 connected flights that use only Italian connections** without even mentioning connected flights that use non-Italian connections.

5) **POSSIBLE DOUBTS ABOUT THE SUFFICIENCY OF HOTEL ROOMS (ESPECIALLY BELOW FIVE STAR) IN THE VICINITY OF THE CONGRESS CENTRE (Document 9)**

I have already written above, that the figures we submitted to the Congress Office both in our Application Form and (for the sake of consistency) also in our recent “ERA 2005” site visit booklet were those of the year 2000.

However, **the latest figures** according to the most recent official booklets (**Year 2002**) of the **TURSAB (Turkish Travel Agencies association)** and the **City Tourism Directorate** are obviously higher than those of the Year 2000 and just for your information, are distributed as follows:

	For the entire Istanbul area	Within walking distance to the Congress Centre	On about 5 minutes of driving time
5 star hotel rooms	<b>7932</b>	3175	1883
4 star hotel rooms	<b>7445</b>	3041	1326
3 star hotel rooms	<b>5382</b>	1040	2500
2 star hotel rooms	2752	175	?
1 star hotel rooms	757	22	?
special category rooms	1792	?	?
Hostel (pension) rooms	264	?	?
university camping rooms	2577	-	-

?: Most of these rooms are near the Aksaray- Sultanahmet- Topkapı Area within 20- 30 mn of driving time

For comparison, I am giving below the room capacities of the hotels in the Amsterdam Area according to the **Destination Holland Resource Directory 2002** (How many of them are within walking distance to the Amsterdam Congress Centre is another question):

- 5 star hotel rooms: **4920**
- 4 star hotel rooms: **3789**
- 3 star hotel rooms: **5091**

Istanbul (Eastern Rome) is a hilly city like Rome and uphill climbing may also raise doubts to people who like to doubt. The only “Congress Valley” hotel that needs uphill climbing is Ritz Carlton and as you may remember, the climbing is of some 50 meters. If one really is that worried about this one can take a taxi and for just \$ 1 one can be driven to the front of the Congress Centre within less than 3 minutes. The only

people who should worry about climbing would be those staying at Hotel Çırağan Kempinski on the Bosphorus and I assume they won't be so poor as not to spend about less than \$ 5 a day to get to and fro to the Congress Centre by taxi.

But of course, it is always possible to think of arranging shuttle services just for this type of big hotels beyond walking range.

Now, between you and me, in the last Amsterdam Congress, my hotel was in the midst of the downtown area and let alone walking, I had to spend at least half an hour depending on the traffic to get to the Congress area by transportation. Again, in Geneva, I stayed downtown at the Hotel Beau-Rivage facing the lake on quai du Mont-Blanc and had to take either the train or a taxi to reach the Congress Centre. In Madrid, my hotel was near to the Santiago Bernabéu Stadium and again a taxi was the way to get to the Congress area. Finally, in Vienna, I wonder how many people could and did get to the Congress area by walking be it uphill or downhill.

### 7) POSSIBLE DOUBTS ABOUT THE SAFETY OF ISTANBUL

In the post 11 September era, this is something that crosses minds naturally for about any place in the world and even if this question was not raised in the 27 April meeting, I am sure someone may bring it up in the next meeting

a) Crime activity: Istanbul is a city of 9 million (1997 population consensus) and the yearly numbers of murders and the yearly numbers of murders per 100,000 people are given below:

Istanbul Police Department Statistics (www.iem.gov.tr)

YEAR	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Average
Number	427	407	428	394	344	356	301	
Per 100.000 people	4,74	4,52	4,75	4,37	3,82	3,95	3,34	4,21

(7years)

According to a paper published by Netherlands Ministry of Justice on June 2000 (page 19) [document 11], the respective average yearly number of murders per 100,000 for Amsterdam and Copenhagen are: **7.9 (almost twice as much of Istanbul) and 4.6**. And taking notice of the downhill trend in Istanbul since 1998, if you consider only the number for year 2001 (i.e. **3.34**), you will find that, in that respect Istanbul fares better than even Berlin (**3.8**) and Stockholm (**4.1**).

b) Terrorism: There has been no substantial terrorist activity in Turkey since 1999 and certainly not in Istanbul. It should be noted that even during the height of terrorist activity in the Southeast of Turkey, Istanbul had remained a safe heaven with only few sporadic events certainly much less in number and scope of the terrorist activity seen in Madrid or for that matter in London (during the years of IRA terrorism). Of course, after 11 September no place can be said to be absolutely immune to terrorism but I think in that respect **Istanbul is no less safer than most of the major US or European cities**.

We have about 45 official political parties big and small in Turkey (including a communist party) and since the last 42 years, no head of a political party has been murdered or assassinated.

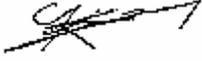
c) Political Stability: Turkey had parliaments since 1876. It moved in 1946 to real multiparty parliamentary democracy, which was only interrupted by military intervention for two years in 1960 and three years in 1980. At present, we have 7 political parties substantially represented in the parliament and a three parties (one social democrat and two centre-rights) coalition government in power since 1999. In fact, for the last decade we had but coalition governments. Although not desirable for many reasons, I think coalition governments in a sense indicate a certain stability of democratic institutions and especially the fact that a three party coalition can survive for 4 years despite a severe economic crisis also is an indirect proof of the stability of the democratic political system.

d) Tourism: Turkey had 21 million foreign visitors in the last two years with a yearly tourism income of about 7.5 billion USD. 58 % of the foreign tourists (12 million) were vacationers from European Union. **Do you think so many European Unioners would be coming to Turkey for vacation mostly with tours and trips organized by eminent European Travel Agencies, if safety were by any means a real concern?**

I hope that this information is useful and satisfactory for you and covers doubts you may have had because of concerns and objections brought up during the 27 April Council Meeting. Please do not hesitate to ask us if you need any further information and /or explanation on anything related to this subject. We will be more than happy to provide you with them.

Thanking you once again for the most positive and benevolent support you have been giving us in this regard to which we all will always remain utterly grateful, I send you my best and most sincere regards.

Yours Truly,



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## ERA-EDTA 42. KONGRE DUYURU KİTABI PREFACE, 2004

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We are pleased to welcome you to Istanbul, the city of timeless treasures and to the XLII ERA-EDTA Congress that will be held there on 4-7 June 2005.

The Scientific Committee is working with diligence to bring you an excellent programme that incorporates state-of-the-art and mini lectures, symposia and Industry Sponsored Symposia covering the latest advances on basic and clinical nephrology, hypertension and cardiovascular complications in renal disease as well as haemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis and renal transplantation.

Istanbul, the only city built on two continents “where East meets the West”, guards the precious relics of the three empires, Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman, of which it has been the capital. It stands on both the European and Asian shores of the Bosphorus where waters of the Black Sea mingle with those of the Marmara Sea. Istanbul is a fascinating mixture of the past and present, old and new, modern and traditional with museums, churches, palaces, castles, mosques and bazaars, and inexhaustible sights of natural beauty. Istanbul’s imperial past has left a legacy of magnificent palaces and mansions along the shores of the Bosphorus and throughout the city. Among the most spectacular are: the Topkapı Palace, built in 1461 which houses priceless artifacts from the Ottoman Empire and the Dolmabahçe Palace, built in 1853 and home to the last imperial sultans. The mystical journey continues with the Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia Church, the Underground Cistern and the Hippodrome. Istanbul is also a shopper’s paradise with the largest Covered Bazaar in the world offering over 4000 shops under one roof. In addition to its magical landscape and unique historical and cultural background, its innumerable attractions, modern hotels, exclusive restaurants, nightclubs, cabarets, concert halls, theatres and shopping centres, make Istanbul one of the most enchanting and lively cities of the world, and a superb site for meetings and congresses.

The Istanbul Congress and Exhibition Centre (ICEC) is located in the beautiful “Congress Valley” at Taksim, the heart of modern Istanbul, within walking distance to more than 7000 five, four and three star hotel rooms of top standards.

We are looking forward to having you share with us an enthralling scientific and cultural experience in Istanbul on the occasion of the XLII ERA-EDTA Annual Congress in June 2005.



Francesco Locatelli  
ERA-EDTA President



Kamil Serdengeçti  
XLII Congress President



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XLII Congress Secretary

## **ERA-EDTA 42.KONGRE PROGRAM KİTABI WELCOME ADDRESS, 2005**

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We are proud to welcome you to the XLII ERA-EDTA Congress in Istanbul.

The Scientific Committee has worked with extreme proficiency to put forward a superb scientific programme covering the latest advances on basic and clinical nephrology that includes: 18 invited Guest Lectures, 25 Symposia, a Kidney International (KI) Nephrology Forum, an ERA-EDTA Registry Symposium, 8 Literature Updates, 5 CME Activities and 6 Hands-on-Courses. For this, we sincerely thank the Scientific Committee and its Chairman Professor Jürgen Floege. We do also wish to thank the International Society of Nephrology (ISN), the American Society of Nephrology (ASN), the European Kidney Research Association (EKRA), the Renal Pathology Society (RPS), the Polish Society of Nephrology and the Turkish Society of Nephrology (TSN) for their respective contributions to the KI Forum, the ASN highlights 2004 session, the Basic Science - Young Investigator Forum, the CME on Renal Pathology, the CME in Polish and the CME in Turkish. In addition to the official Scientific Programme, there will also be 15 Industry Sponsored Symposia.

We also would like to thank Professor Rosanna Coppo for her very crucial contribution in coordinating the CME activities and with the accreditation of the Congress itself.

This Congress has received the highest number ever of submitted abstracts (1959) of which 1103 (56%) have been accepted, 1000 as posters and 103 as free communications to be presented in 18 different sessions.

We genuinely thank the Paper Selection Committee and its Chairman Doctor David Goldsmith for their outstanding efforts.

We think that Istanbul, the only city built on two continents, with its magical landscape and unique historical and cultural background, its innumerable attractions, museums, palaces, castles, mosques, exclusive restaurants, cabarets, concert halls, theatres and shopping centres will make a superb site for this XLII ERA-EDTA Congress that seems already heading for a record attendance of participants from all over the world.

Hoping that you have a unique and most memorable scientific and cultural experience in Istanbul on the occasion of this Congress, we extend our warmest welcome to each and all of you.

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ERA-EDTA President

Kamil Serdengeçti  
XLII Congress President

Cengiz Utaş  
XLII Congress Secretary

DEĞERLİ BASIN VE MEDYA MENSUPLARINA DUYURU

ERA-EDTA (European Renal Association-European Dialysis Transplantation Association veya Avrupa Böbrek Birliği-Avrupa Diyaliz Transplantasyon Birliği) 1964 yılında kurulmuş ve Nefroloji, Diyaliz ve Transplantasyon alanında bilimsel gelişmeyi teşvik ve yaygınlaştırmayı amaçlayan ve 226'sı Türkiye'den olmak üzere 6000'i aşkın üyesi bulunan bir Avrupa Tıp Derneğidir.

ERA-EDTA'nın 42nci Kongresi **4-7 Haziran 2005** tarihlerinde İstanbul Lütfi Kırdar Kongre Merkezi'nde Türk Nefroloji Derneğinin ev sahipliğinde yapılacaktır. Bu Kongre, 27 yıl önce 1978'de yine İstanbul'da 2000 kişiyle yapılan 15. ERA-EDTA Kongresinden sonra İstanbul'da yapılacak ikinci ERA-EDTA Kongresidir. Böylelikle Türkiye, geçtiğimiz 42 yıl içinde ERA-EDTA Kongresini bir defadan fazla düzenleyen **10** Avrupa ülkesinden biri olmaktadır.

42nci ERA-EDTA Kongresi sırasında Lütfi Kırdar Kongre Merkezi salonlarının tümü, Cemal Reşit Rey Oditoryumu ve Askeri Müze salonları 4 gün süreyle birlikte kullanılacak ve temel ve klinik nefroloji dalındaki son gelişmelerin sunulacağı 18 konferans, 25 sempozyum, 8 literatür güncelleme oturumu, 15 bilimsel forum, biri Türkçe olmak üzere 5 Sürekli Tıp Eğitimi Kursu, 6 Pratik Eğitim Kursu ve 103 Sözlü Bildiri ve 1000 Posterin sunulacağı 18 Sözlü Bildiri ve çok sayıda Poster oturumları yer alacaktır. Kongrede 21 Türk Bilim insanı konferans, sempozyum ve kurs oturumlarında davetli konuşmacı olarak, 58 Türk Bilim insanı da oturum başkanı olarak aktif görev yapacaktır. Açılış konferansı ise "Türk Tıbbının Avrupa Tıbbına katkıları" konusunda bir Türk bilim adamı tarafından verilecektir.

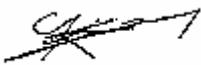
Bu Kongre şimdiye kadar en çok bildirinin gönderildiği ERA-EDTA Kongresi olarak rekor kırmaktadır. Gönderilen 1959 bilimsel bildirinin 259'u (%13'ü) Türkiye'den gelmiş olup, ev sahibi Türkiye, böylece ERA-EDTA'da temsil edilen 108 Avrupa ve Dünya ülkesi arasında en çok bilimsel bildiri gönderen ülke olarak birinci sırayı almıştır. Sunum için kabul edilen 1103 bildirinin 117'si Türkiye'den olup burada da Türkiye çok az farkla ikinciliği almıştır. Bu da Türk Tıbbı ve Türk Nefrolojisi'nin yalnızca üretkenlik ve nicelik açısından değil ve fakat nitelik ve düzeylilik açısından da geldiği konunun açık bir göstergesidir.

Çoğunluğu Avrupa'dan olmak üzere 100'ü aşkın ülkeden 6000'den fazla seçkin bilim adamı ve hekimin ve diyaliz, nefroloji ve böbrek nakli alanlarında çalışan 100'ü aşkın uluslararası firmanın katılması beklenen bu Kongrenin ülkemizin yurt dışında çok seçkin bir kitleye bütün değerleri ve güzellikleriyle tanıtımı açısından son derece büyük ve önemli bir fırsat olacağı kuşkusuzdur.

Değerli Basın ve Medya mensuplarının bu Kongreye ve bu Kongrenin duyurulmasına gösterecekleri ilgi ve verecekleri manevi destek bu kongrenin en mükemmel biçimde gerçekleştirilmesinde bizim için büyük bir güç ve dayanak olacaktır.

İçten Saygılarımızla,

Prof. Dr. Kamil Serdengeçti  
Kongre Başkanı



Prof. Dr. Cengiz Utaş  
Kongre Sekreteri



## **FOLLOW US (ERA-EDTA NEWSLETTER) YAZILARI, 2005**

### **ISTANBUL WELCOMES ERA-EDTA!**

27 years after the 15th Congress in 1978 Istanbul, the city on two continents and the historic capital of three empires, welcomes an ERA-EDTA Congress again. In the best ERA-EDTA tradition, an excellent scientific feast against the background of an exceptional history, a fascinating scenic beauty and a most lively modern metropolis of twelve million awaits the participants together with the traditional Turkish Hospitality and the famous Turkish cuisine. As Congress President and also on behalf of the Turkish Nephrologic Community, I invite you all to share this bound-to-be memorable event with us in 4-7 June 2005.

Dr. Kamil Serdengeçti  
President of XLII ERA-EDTA Congress

### **ISTANBUL IS PROUD FOR HAVING HOSTED THE 42<sup>ND</sup> ERA-EDTA CONGRESS**

I am extremely pleased and proud to announce that the 42<sup>nd</sup> ERA-EDTA Congress, which took place on 4-7 June 2005 against the background of an enchanting host city that offered a combination of beautiful weather, splendid scenic beauty, rich and impressive history, cultural wealth and diversity, together with a most vibrant modern soul and warmest hospitality has indeed been both scientifically and socially a great success that broke the ERA-EDTA records for abstract submission (1959) and participation (over 5800 delegates). To quote the Post-Congress messages of an eminent member of the World Nephrology: "...both from a scientific view and from a social view this will become an unforgettable event. ERA-EDTA certainly is on a good way to further increase its scientific reputation ... and ... managed to set new standards!"

I am also proud that Turkish Nephrologists contributed to the Congress not only as hosts but also scientifically with 21 invited talks, 117 free and poster communications and 58 chairmanships.

Hoping they had a most memorable scientific and cultural experience in Istanbul, I extend my warmest regards to all participants to this Congress.

Dr. Kamil Serdengeçti  
President of XLII ERA-EDTA Congress

## **ERA-EDTA 42. KONGRE SONRASI TEŞEKKÜR MESAJLARI, 2005**

Dear friends,

On behalf of our Association, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to you for the resounding success of the XLII annual congress of the ERA-EDTA. It was a very special occasion, both from the scientific and human aspect, given the high quality of the scientific programme and the unrivalled warmth and hospitality shown by all our Turkish colleagues and hosts. These two aspects are equally important in order to ensure an excellent congress, and thanks to the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm shown by you and all your colleagues this was the case in Istanbul.

Once again, our sincerest thanks and congratulations for a truly wonderful congress.

Warmest regards,

Jorge B. Cannata Andía      Francesco Locatelli  
President, ERA-EDTA      Past-President, ERA-EDTA

Dear Professor Serdengeçti,

With this mail I would like to thank you very much for the hospitality you showed at the ERA/EDTA congress in your wonderful city of Istanbul.

I would like to congratulate you and your colleagues as well as professor Locatelli on a wonderful congress with a strong scientific program.

With warmest regards,

Prof. Jan J. Weening  
President, ISN

Dear Kamil and Cengiz,

Once again let me express my deep gratitude to you for having organized such a wonderful congress. I sincerely believe that both from a scientific view and from a social view this will become an unforgettable event. ERA-EDTA certainly is on a good way to further increase its scientific reputation in Europe and you have managed to set new standards!

With my best personal regards

Prof. Dr. Jürgen Floege  
President, EKRA

Dear colleagues and friends,

I would like to congratulate you once again for a splendid and very successful congress and thank you so much for your warm hospitality. You have demonstrated convincingly that the decision to hold the congress in Istanbul was an excellent one. Like everybody else, whom we talked to, we have greatly enjoyed the stay in Istanbul and returned with extremely positive and stimulating impressions from your city and your country.

Prof. Dr. Kai-Uwe Eckardt

Dear Kamil

I write to congratulate you on a most successful event - everything went very smoothly due to the careful planning of you and your organising committee. The programme was excellent - many have commented that it was the most successful ERA-EDTA congress that they had attended because of the excellent mix of new information and update on such a wide variety of topics. The social programme was most enjoyable, particularly your President's dinner. Please convey my appreciation and congratulations to all involved in the planning and execution of this splendid meeting.

Thank you for your very kind hospitality. My kindest regards and thanks.

Prof. Alexander Davison  
Past-President, ERA-EDTA

Dear Kamil

You must be very relieved that the conference is over and at the same time very proud that the congress was such a success.

Thank you for your outstanding hospitality and friendship.

This success reflects to the whole Turkish Nephrology community and I hope the coming generation of Turkish Nephrologists will appreciate your efforts and show you the same respect that you showed to your mentor, Dr. Onen, that I found very touching.

With warm personal regards

Your friend

Prof. Dimitrios Oreopoulos  
Past-President, ISPD

**12. ISPD KONGRESİ**  
**YAZILARI**  
**(2006, 2008)**

## **ISPD DUYURU KİTABI YAZISI, 2006**

On behalf of the Turkish Society of Nephrology (TSN), I am pleased to welcome you to Istanbul, the city of timeless treasures and to the ISPD 2008 Congress to be held there on 21-24 June, 2008.

The foundation of TSN in Istanbul in 1970 coincided with that of many of the Western European Nephrology Societies. TSN successfully hosted the 15th ERA-EDTA Congress in Istanbul in 1978, earlier than many European countries. On 4-7 June 2005 it has hosted in Istanbul once again the 42nd ERA-EDTA Congress that broke prior records for abstract submission and participation.

Intermittent Peritoneal Dialysis was first introduced to Turkey in 1964 and was used for many years as an important treatment modality for ARF and even for selected cases of CRF due to the shortage of HD facilities. During the late 1980s modern CAPD was introduced to the country and from the early 1990s on it has developed into a major treatment modality for suitable CRF patients. On the latest ERA-EDTA Registry report on the web (2004), Turkey is found to possess the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest peritoneal dialysis population in Europe. At present in 2006, 4994 CRF patients (4523 adult and 471 pediatric) are under treatment with either CAPD or APD at 101 active PD centers (73 adult and 28 pediatric) throughout the country.

TSN has been actively interested with PD ever since its foundation in 1970, and the subject was treated as a separate panel, symposium or course topic in almost all past TSN National Congresses. Since 1995, the TSN National Registry yearbooks have constantly devoted separate sections to Turkey's adult and pediatric PD data and statistics. This situation has also helped in recent years to stimulate the number and scope of ongoing clinical and experimental research on PD in Turkey. A joint study group on PD (TULIP) that works in close collaboration with TSN, has also embarked on national and international joint multi-center studies that have already resulted in a number of international publications in peer-reviewed high impact journals in the field.

Istanbul, the only city built on two continents "where East meets the West", guards the precious relics of the three empires, Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman, of which it has been the capital. It is a fascinating mixture of the past and present, old and new, modern and traditional with museums, churches, palaces, castles, mosques and bazaars, and inexhaustible sights of natural beauty. In addition to its magical landscape and unique historical and cultural background, its innumerable attractions, modern hotels, exclusive restaurants, nightclubs, cabarets, concert halls, theatres and shopping centres, make Istanbul one of the most enchanting and lively cities of the world, and a superb site for meetings and congresses

As members of TSN, we all look forward to welcome you to share with us an enthralling scientific and cultural experience in Istanbul on the occasion of the ISPD 2008 Congress in June.

Prof. Dr. Kamil Serdengeçti  
President of the Turkish Society of Nephrology

## **ISPD KONGRE KİTABI YAZISI, 2008**

On behalf of the Turkish Society of Nephrology (TSN), I am proud to welcome you to Istanbul, and to the 12<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Society of Peritoneal Dialysis on 21-24 June, 2008. I do thank my colleagues Cengiz Utaş, the Congress President and Fevzi Ersoy, the Congress and the Wai-Kei Lo, President of ISPD and all the members of the Scientific Program Committee for their

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As members of TSN, we wish you all to share with us an exceptional scientific and cultural experience in Istanbul on the occasion of the 12<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Society of Peritoneal Dialysis.

Dr. Kamil Serdengeçti  
President of the Turkish Society of Nephrology

**ULUSAL KONGRELERDE  
ULUSLARARASI DERNEKLERLE  
ORTAK KURSLARA AİT  
KURS KİTAPLARI ÖNSÖZLERİ  
(2001, 2002, 2003)**

## **Preface to the TSN & ISPD “CAPD Update Course Book”, 2001**

Dear Guests and Colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the “Update Course in Peritoneal Dialysis” jointly organized by the International Society of Peritoneal Dialysis (ISPD) and the Turkish Society of Nephrology (TSN).

Since its first introduction to Turkey in 1964, peritoneal dialysis has always been an important treatment modality in Turkish Nephrology and since the late 1980s the use of modern CAPD has enjoyed an increasingly wider acceptance throughout the country. Today, there are some 2250 patients undergoing CAPD in 71 centers (22 pediatric and 49 adult) throughout Turkey.

This situation has also helped in recent years to stimulate the number and scope of ongoing clinical and experimental research on CAPD in Turkey. As a result, this year there were 60 abstracts on CAPD from Turkey that were accepted for poster and oral presentations in the IX th ISPD Congress in Montreal and two of these were award winners.

With a recently formed joint study group (TULIP) encompassing some 1600 patients, Turkish CAPD people have also embarked on national and international joint multi-center studies and the resulting publications have already started to appear on both national and international journals.

This Update Course, expertly organized by Professor Oreopoulos on behalf of ISPD and Professor Utaş on behalf of TSN will be the first joint activity of the two societies. I believe that with the contributions of both the world authorities on CAPD and our young Turkish colleagues in the field it will set a very high scientific standard and as such form a very strong basis for further and increasingly stronger scientific cooperation between ISPD and TSN in the future.

On behalf of the TSN, my special thanks go to Professor Oreopoulos and his colleagues on the guest faculty for organizing in such a short time this Update Course which is bound to be a scientific feast for all of us.

Let me also thank Professor Utaş and his colleagues for their immense efforts to realize this most hospitable setting for such an important scientific event.

Finally, I would also like to acknowledge the important sponsorship of Baxter-Eczacıbaşı Turkey for this meeting.

Prof. Dr. Kamil Serdengeçti  
President of the TSN

## TND ve ISN-COMGAN “2. Nefrolojide Güncel Yaklaşımlar Kursu” Kitabı ÖNSÖZ, 2002

### ÖNSÖZ *TND adına*

Elinizdeki bu kitap Türk Nefroloji Derneğinin (TND) Uluslararası Nefroloji Derneği (ISN) ne bağlı Nefrolojinin Küresel İlerleme Komitesi (ISN-COMGAN) ile birlikte ilki 1997’de İstanbul’da olmak üzere düzenlediği “Nefrolojide Güncel Yaklaşımlar” kurslarından ikincisine ait program ve konuşma metin özetleri ve slaytlarını içermektedir. TND 19. Ulusal Nefroloji Hipertansiyon Diyaliz ve Transplantasyon Kongresi kapsamında 19 Eylül 2002 tarihinde tam günlük bir programla düzenlenen bu ikinci kursun sabahki ilk bölümü “Temel Nefroloji” konularına ayrılmıştır. Kursun öğleden sonraki ikinci bölümü ise “İlerleyici Böbrek Hastalığının Önlenmesi ve Remisyonu” konusundaki güncel bir Sempozyumdan oluşmaktadır. Yine aynı bölümde, “İlerleyici Böbrek Hastalıklarında Türk Deneyimi” başlıklı bir Panel de bu Sempozyuma dahil edilmiştir.

Kursun gerek Temel Nefroloji Bölümünde, gerekse Sempozyum bölümünde görev alan misafir konuşmacılar konularında dünya çapında isim yapmış otoriteler olup, gerek temel konularda, gerekse Sempozyum konuşmalarında bizlere en güncel bilgi ve görüşleri büyük ölçüde kendi araştırma ve klinik deneyimlerine dayalı olarak ve kendi özümseme ve sentezleriyle aktaracakları kuşkusuzdur. Bu kursun gerçekleşmesinde en önemli rolü oynayan ISN- COMGAN başkanı Prof. Dirks’e ve tüm konuşmacılara TND adına içten teşekkürlerimi sunarım. Ayrıca, lokal organizasyon komitesi kurs sekreteri sıfatıyla değerli yardımlarını esirgemeyen Prof. Süleymanlar’a da teşekkür ederim.

Bu önemli bilimsel şölene sadece ev sahipliği ve organizasyon bağlamında değil ve fakat dört değerli Türk konuşmacı ile bilimsel olarak da aktif katılım ve katkıda bulunuyor olmak Türk Nefrolojisi ve Türk Nefroloji camiası olarak hepimize gurur vermelidir.

Bu kitabın yalnızca bugünü hatırlatan bir anı olarak değil, içerdiği konular açısından çok değerli bir özet başvuru kaynağı olarak da kitaplığınızda önemli bir yeri olacağını umuyorum.

**Kâmil Serdengeçti**  
TND Başkanı

**PREFACE**  
*On behalf of TSN*

This book contains the program, concise texts and slides of presentations pertaining to the second “Update in Nephrology” course jointly organized by Turkish Society of Nephrology (TSN) and the International Society of Nephrology’s Committee of Global Advancement in Nephrology (ISN- COMGAN). A first such course had taken place in Istanbul in 1997. This second course will take place as a whole day event on 19 September 2002 within the TSN 19<sup>th</sup> National Congress of Nephrology Hypertension Dialysis and Transplantation. Its first part in the morning sessions will be devoted to “Basics in Nephrology” and its second part in the afternoon sessions to a symposium entitled: “Prevention and remission of Progressive Renal Disease: A Global Strategy” which will be followed by a panel on “The Turkish Experience of Progressive Renal Diseases”.

The distinguished guest speakers who will take the chair at both the morning and afternoon parts of the meeting are world authorities on their respective topics. Hence, it is beyond doubt that during their talks they will convey us the latest and most up-to-date scientific knowledge and views on their topics together with their own personal syntheses based mostly on their own personal research and clinical experience. On behalf of the TSN, I would like to thank them all for their participation. My special thanks go to Professor Dirks, Chair ISN-COMGAN who played the pivotal role in the realization of this meeting. I do also thank Professor Süleymanlar for his precious help as Secretary of the local organizing committee.

The fact that we are taking part in this important scientific feast not only as hosts and organizers but also with an active scientific contribution by four Turkish speakers should be a cause of pride for the Turkish nephrology community.

I hope that this book will have an important place in your bookshelves not only as a commemoration of this day but also as a much valuable concise reference text on the topics it covers.

**Kâmil Serdengeçti**  
President, TSN

## PREFACE

This book contains the program, concise texts, figures and slides of presentations pertaining to the “6<sup>th</sup> European Basic Multidisciplinary Hemodialysis Access Course” jointly organized by the Vascular Access Society (VAS) and the Turkish Society of Nephrology (TSN). This course will take place as a two days event on 13 & 14 September 2003 within the TSN 20<sup>th</sup> National Congress of Nephrology Hypertension Dialysis and Transplantation. The 14 guest speakers sponsored by VAS are a team of multidisciplinary experts involved in the different aspects of hemodialysis vascular access creation, follow up and longstanding care.

The first day of the Course will consist of sessions on “Basic Considerations”, “Access Creation” and “Vascular Access Complications”. The second day will be devoted to sessions on “Treatment of Thrombosis and Stenosis”, “Other Complications and Types of Vascular Access”, “Central Vein Catheter Access” and “Vascular Access Strategy” and will end with four workshops.

The guest speakers who will take the chair at both the first and second days of the Course are known authorities on their respective topics. Hence, it is beyond doubt that during their talks they will deliver us the latest knowledge and know-how on their topics with their own personal syntheses based mostly on their personal experience.

The fact that we are taking part in this important scientific event not only as hosts and organizers but also with a very active contribution by 14 Turkish surgeons, radiologists and nephrologists to the Teaching Faculty, should be a cause of pride for the Turkish medical & surgical communities.

I believe that to those of us involved in the care of hemodialysis patients, this Course will provide a very valuable first hand knowledge on a pivotal subject of this care. And I hope that this book will have an important place in your bookshelves not only as a commemoration of this Course but also as a much valuable concise reference text on the topics it covers.

On behalf of the TSN, I do thank all the individual members of the VAS guest faculty and the Turkish teaching faculty for their valuable contributions to this Course and especially Mr. Ali Bakran, immediate past president of VAS, for his great help in its organization and realization.

Kamil Serdengeçti  
President of the Turkish Society of Nephrology

**TND İLE VAS VE ISGNU  
ARASINDA  
KURS VE KONFERANS  
ORGANİZASYON ANLAŞMALARI  
(2003, 2007)**

## TND VE VAS ARASINDA KURS ORGANİZASYON ANLAŞMASI, 2003

### AGREEMENT ON THE VASCULAR ACCESS COURSE ORGANIZATION

The Turkish Society of Nephrology (TSN) and the Vascular Access Society (VAS) do confirm their commitment for having a joint Course on Vascular Access integrated to the TSN 20th National Congress of Nephrology Hypertension Dialysis and Transplantation that will be held in Antalya, Turkey on 13-16 September 2003 and have agreed on the following points regarding to its organization:

- 1- The two days VAS & TSN Course will start as a full day Pre-Congress plenary event on 13 September 2003, the day the TSN 20<sup>th</sup> National Congress Opening Ceremony is scheduled on the evening. It will continue and end during the first Congress Day, the 14<sup>th</sup>, as a continuous session parallel to the Congress on one of the main halls from 11.00 am to 5.30 pm (apart from lunch & coffee breaks), starting right after the Turkish Renal Registry Session and plenary lectures.
- 2- The Course will be referred to as the **First joint VAS & TSN Course on Vascular Access** and will figure as such in the TSN 20<sup>th</sup> National Congress Announcements and Final Program Booklet together with the logos of both TSN & VAS. The Course's detailed program will be also printed in the Program Booklet. The organizers of the Course will be Ali Bakran on behalf of the VAS and Kamil Serdengeçti on behalf of the TSN.
- 3- The guest faculty for the course and the course contents will be chosen in principle by the VAS. But, if possible a few Turkish speakers will also participate to relate the Turkish experience to the audience.
- 4- A course booklet entitled the **"First joint VAS & TSN Course on Vascular Access"** with Ali Bakran & Kamil Serdengeçti **as editors**, containing the Course Program, the CV's of the guest faculty and the integral texts (with figures & tables) of the talks (or at least their extended abstracts and/or slides) to be delivered during the Course will be printed before the Congress and will be provided in the Congress handbags. TSN will be in charge of the editing, printing and related expenses for this booklet. Both the TSN & the VAS logos will figure on the cover of the booklet.
- 5- The guest faculty's travel expenses will be provided by VAS. But, inland flights within Turkey and Hotel accommodation & all related expenses in Antalya will be covered by TSN.
- 6- For all participants, there will be a single registration fee that will cover both the course and the TSN 20<sup>th</sup> National Congress to be paid to the TSN Congress Office.

Congress Registration Fees	1 July 2003 and Before	After 2 July 2003
Doctor	250.-USD	270.-USD
Daily Registration	70.-USD	70.-USD

- 7- The registration fees do not include hotel accommodation and participants (excluding the VAS guest faculty) will be expected to pay their own accommodation as well.
- 8- The Course and its program (including the VAS and TSN logos) will be on the web together with the rest of the 20th National Congress Program, on the TSN bilingual (Turkish & English) Congress web site at [www.nefroloji.kongresi.org](http://www.nefroloji.kongresi.org).
- 9- The Congress (& Course) organizing firm will be Figür Congress Organization Ltd. It will be in charge of all travel and accommodation related problems and queries.

Its address (in Turkish) is as follows:

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- 10- The Main Congress Hotel will be the Atlantis Hotel in Belek, Antalya ([www.highlandturkey.com/eng/hotels/atlantis.htm](http://www.highlandturkey.com/eng/hotels/atlantis.htm)). It is a new complex, which includes a separate Congress Building that can handle Congresses with up to 5000 participants.
- 11- The TSN Congress Organizing Committee Representative Prof. Dr. Cengiz Utaş will be working together with the VAS President Mr. Ali Bakran for the Course Organization. Dr. Serdengeçti will also be available anytime for anything inquired or requested from him.
- 12- The two societies agree that there shall be no financial commitment or reimbursement of the two societies other than those stated above to each other and to any other third party in relation to the above mentioned VAS & TSN Course and Congress.

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## TND VE ISGNU ARASINDA KONFERANS ORGANİZASYON ANLAŞMASI,2007

### AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TURKISH SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY (TSN) AND THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF GERIATRIC NEPHROLOGY AND UROLOGY (ISGNU) FOR THE JOINT ORGANIZATION OF THE ISGNU 9<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GERIATRIC NEPHROLOGY AND UROLOGY IN 2007

The Turkish Society of Nephrology (TSN) and the International Society of Geriatric Nephrology and Urology (ISGNU) do confirm their commitment to jointly organize the **9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Geriatric Nephrology and Urology** as a meeting integrated to the TSN 24<sup>th</sup> National Congress of Nephrology Hypertension Dialysis and Transplantation that will be held in Antalya, Turkey in 14-18<sup>th</sup> November 2007 and have agreed on the following points regarding to its organization:

- 1- The two days **9th International Conference on Geriatric Nephrology and Urology** (to be referred to as the **ISGNU Congress** hereafter) will start as a full day Pre-Congress event on 15 November 2007, the day the TSN 24<sup>th</sup> National Congress Opening Ceremony is scheduled for the evening. It will continue and end during the first Congress Day, 16 November 2007, parallel to the TSN Congress, on one of the main halls, as a continuous session that will follow the plenary sessions of the TSN Congress from 11.00 am to 5.30 pm (including lunch & coffee breaks).
- 2- In the TSN 24<sup>th</sup> National Congress Announcements and Final Program Booklet, the ISGNU Congress will be referred to as the 9th International Conference on Geriatric Nephrology and Urology and will figure as such together with the logos of both TSN & ISGNU. The detailed program of the ISGNU Congress will be also printed in the TSN 24<sup>th</sup> National Congress Program Booklet. The organizers of the ISGNU Congress will be Eli Fredman on behalf of ISGNU and F. Fevzi Ersoy on behalf of TSN. Dr. Ersoy will also be the **Congress President**.
- 3- The guest faculty for the ISGNU Congress and the ISGNU Congress contents will be chosen in principle by the ISGNU. But, in order to relate the Turkish experience to the audience, participation of a few Turkish speakers will also be sought.
- 4- A Congress "Proceedings" Booklet entitled the "9th International Conference on Geriatric Nephrology and Urology" with Eli Friedman & F. Fevzi Ersoy as editors, containing the detailed ISGNU Congress Program and the texts (with figures & tables) of the talks (or at least their extended abstracts and/or slides) to be delivered during the ISGNU Congress will be printed before the ISGNU Congress and will be provided in the handbags of the joint 24<sup>th</sup> TSN Congress of Nephrology, Hypertension, Dialysis and Transplantation and the ISGNU Congress organization . TSN will be in charge of the editing, printing and related expenses for this booklet. Both the TSN & the ISGNU logos will figure on the cover of the booklet.
- 5- TSN will be covering travel expenses and accomodation for the ISGNU Council members, the ISGNU journal editor & up to three additional ISGNU Congress Faculty members. Travel expenses of any other extra ISGNU Congress Faculty members will be provided by ISGNU. On the other hand, of all the ISGNU Council members, the

ISGNU journal editor & the ISGNU Congress Faculty members will have their inland flights within Turkey, their Hotel accommodations & all related expenses in Antalya covered by TSN.

- 6- In return, ISGNU Council members and ISGNU Congress Faculty members will be expected to participate to the TSN 24<sup>th</sup> National Congress with one or two talks and/or chairmanships.
- 7- For all participants, there will be a single registration fee that will cover both the 24<sup>th</sup> TSN National Congress of Nephrology, Hypertension, Dialysis and Transplantation and the ISGNU Congress organization to be paid to the TSN Congress Office.

Congress Registration Fees	1 July 2007 and Before	After 2 July 2007
Doctor	To be determined by TSN	To be determined by TSN
Daily Registration	To be determined by TSN	To be determined by TSN

- 8- The registration fees will not include hotel accommodation and participants (excluding the ISGNU Congress Faculty) will be expected to pay their own accommodation as well.
- 9- The joint TSN National Congress of Nephrology, Hypertension, Dialysis and Transplantation and the ISGNU Congress organization and its program (when finalized) will be announced without any charge for ISGN on the web (with both the ISGNU and TSN logos) together with the rest of the 24<sup>th</sup> TSN National Congress Program, on the TSN bilingual (Turkish & English) permanent Congress web site at [www.nefroloji.kongresi.org](http://www.nefroloji.kongresi.org).
- 10- The joint meeting organizing firm will be the TSN Congress organizing firm **Figur Congress Organization Ltd.** It will be in charge of all registration, travel and accommodation related problems and queries.

Its address (in Turkish) is as follows:

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- 11- The main congress hotel will be determined by TSN.
- 12- The ISGNU Congress President Prof. Dr. F. Fevzi Ersoy will be on behalf of TSN working together with the ISGNU President Prof. Dr. Eli Friedman for the organization of the ISGNU Congress conjointly with the TSN 24<sup>th</sup> National Congress of Nephrology, Hypertension, Dialysis and Transplantation. TSN President Prof. Dr. Kamil Serdengeçti will also be available for anything inquired or requested from him.
- 13- TSN will provide ISGNU Congress one meeting hall with all equipments and facilities. The Hall will be reserved for ISGNU Congress for two days.

- 14- ISGNU will have a free desk in the exhibition area. Turkish to English and English to Turkish simultaneous translations will be provided throughout both the ISGNU Congress and the TSN 24<sup>th</sup> National Congress
- 15- The ISGNU Congress will start on the Pre-congress day of the TSN 24<sup>th</sup> National Congress and the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the ISGNU Congress will coincide with the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the TSN 24<sup>th</sup> National Congress. However, ISGNU Council members, the ISGNU journal editor & the ISGNU Congress Faculty will be accommodated until the end of the TSN 24<sup>th</sup> National Congress and will thus be able to spend three and a half days in Antalya altogether should they wish so.
- 16- The two societies (TSN and ISGNU) hereby agree that there shall be no financial commitment or reimbursement of the two societies other than those stated above to each other and to any other third party in relation to the above mentioned joint organization of the TSN, 24<sup>th</sup> National Congress of Nephrology, Hypertension, Dialysis and Transplantation and the 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Geriatric Nephrology and Urology.

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